

ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUG ABUSE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
JANUARY 19, 2011
MINUTES

PRESENT: Susie Austin, Susan Andrews, Mickey Gabbert, Dennis Williams, James Pearson,
Lou Hernandez, Kathleen Books, Tom Cozzens

Meeting called to order at 8:35 a.m.

INTRODUCTION OF MEMBERS AND GUESTS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of November 16, 2010 were approved as read. The motion was voted on and carried.

PRESENTATIONS

Jim Murray and Heather Rodriguez represented the Hebron House of Hospitality and updated the committee on the new Hebron House facility and the emergency shelter.

There was an open house for the neighborhood where the emergency shelter is located. There was support for the shelter; however, they have had police complaints from the community. There is no grant money to help run the shelter this year so there is less paid staff and less resources available to run the shelter. They are relying on volunteers and donations. The shelter is open from 7:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. and is an all male shelter. During the day the Hope Center is open and the Workforce Development Center has programming to help find work and other support services. The library is also open and people can use the computers to look up jobs. Good Will Industries also has some help with finding work. The emergency shelter is in need of more volunteers and donations to continue operating.

The new Hebron House facility opened in December of 2010 for women and families. Within 3 days they were helping 25 people and that number has increased over time.

Mike DeMares was not available to present/discuss the unmet needs in AODA services for Waukesha County and the 2011 approved County budget for AODA services to the committee.

Susie Austin brought up the topic of unmet needs and asked the committee to come up with ideas that the AODA Advisory Committee can advocate for. One idea mentioned was increasing money available to the Waukesha County Volunteers to train them to be Recovery Coaches. In turn, they could volunteer at the emergency shelter to help those in recovery. Mickey Gabbert and James Pearson talked about the lack of funds available to help adolescents in our community. James Pearson would like more money to support prevention services in the community including adolescents. Kathleen Books talked briefly about the lack of resources to help probation and parolees get to substance abuse treatment. Not everyone lives in the City of Waukesha and has public transportation available. Discussion followed.

CITIZEN MEMBER REPORT

No Report.

COUNTY AODA STAFF LIAISON REPORT

Susan Andrews discussed that the Century House has been bought by ARO Behavioral Health Services and they have agreed to run the same programming as before.

ADJOURNMENT

Dennis Williams made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Lou Hernandez to adjourn the meeting at 10:00 a.m. The motion was voted on and passed.

Minutes recorded by Dawn Cagney.

Approved on _____
Date